

## **KENTUCKY HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD**

### **DENTAL AND VISION SUBCOMMITTEE**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**November 15, 2012**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The first meeting of the Dental and Vision Subcommittee was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the Small Conference Room at the Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange. Dr. Joe Ellis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and the Secretary called the roll.

Subcommittee Members Present: Dr. Joe Ellis, Andrea Bennett, and Dr. John Thompson.

Staff Present: Bill Nold, Brenda Parker, Reina Diaz-Dempsey, Melea Rivera, Miriam Fordham, Gary Smith and Jill Mitchell (DOI).

#### Addition of New Members

Chairman Ellis introduced the new subcommittee members: Andrew Cassis, Dr. Jim Cecil, Dr. Steve Compton, Tony Cook, Darlene Eakin, Dr. Karoline Munson, Mike Porter, Dr. William (Ken) Rich (by phone), and John Weeks. Andrew Cassis was not present at the meeting.

#### **Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange – Work to Date**

Bill Nold, Deputy Executive Director, Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (KHBE) briefed the subcommittee members on the “No Wrong Door” approach to establishing the KHBE and securing contractors for building the Eligibility and Enrollment and Plan Management and Billing systems, which support the approach. Mr. Nold also provided an overview of the current status of Exchange activities and upcoming deadlines for action, including submission of the Level II Establishment Grant Application (submitted on November 15, 2012) and Exchange Blueprint Application (due to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on November 16, 2012). Mr. Nold also emphasized the need for input from subcommittees regarding proposed HHS regulations and KHBE regulations within the next couple of months.

#### **Role of the Subcommittee**

Chairman Ellis discussed Exchange requirements and explained the role and work of the Dental and Vision subcommittee, which is to lend the members’ expertise relating to dental and vision services, particularly pediatric dental and vision services, to the Advisory Board.

#### **Essential Health Benefits**

Subcommittee members discussed the Essential Health Benefits as defined by the Affordable Care Act. Pediatric dental and vision services are part of the Essential Health Benefits. The

subcommittee also discussed adult dental and vision services that may be offered under qualified health plans. Lisa Lee, Deputy Commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services, provided an overview of the pediatric dental and vision services offered for children under the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) and the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. The subcommittee members requested that more information, including utilization and expenditures data, be provided by Medicaid and KCHIP for the next meeting, to gain some perspective on the uptake of services and network adequacy. Ms. Lee agreed to provide this data.

### **Additional Discussion**

John Weeks commented on the federal requirement that an Exchange allow the offering of a limited scope dental benefits plan (stand-alone dental plan) and raised the question of how the Exchange plans to provide dental services to both adults and children under Qualified Health Plans. Mr. Weeks also referenced a document (*Offering Dental Benefits in Health Exchanges* published by the National Association of Dental Plans) that may help the KHBE and subcommittee members understand the issues associated with offering this benefit and agreed to provide a copy to the KHBE for review and distribution to subcommittee members before the next meeting.

Darlene Eakin and Lisa Lee commented on vision services which are typically covered under private health plans and required under the Medicaid Program. Issues relating to inadequate distribution of health care providers of vision and dental services and definition of "child" were also discussed.

### **Other Business**

Subcommittee members decided to hold their next meeting sometime in January 2013. Chairman Ellis will contact KHBE staff to schedule a date for the meeting and subcommittee members will be notified of the date, time, and location of the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.